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GIRL'S PLEA SAVES MAN FROM LONG JAIL TERM

"He Is Leading a Life That
Makes Me Proud of Him,"
Miss Barclay Wrote.

HE ADMITTED FORGERY.

But for Two Years De Forest
Has Lived Upright Life—
Judge Crain Paroles Him.

The plea of his fiancée in a letter written to Judge Crain saved William Earl De Forest, convicted on his own confession of forgery in the second degree, from a sentence of five years in Sing Sing Prison to-day when he was arraigned in Part II of General Sessions. Two years ago young De Forest, who lives with his father at No. 36 President street, Brooklyn, was in the employ of Charles H. Scott & Co., No. 22 Centre street, as bookkeeper. One day a check for \$50 came into his possession to send to one of the firm's customers. Instead of sending it De Forest forged the customer's indorsement on the back and cashed the check. He spent the money in a spree that night, but that he was a husband as well, having married a young woman he met in an East Fourteenth street resort that night.

Captured and Confessed.

He disappeared, but was apprehended in Washington and confessed. Later the young man was indicted for forgery and released on bail. Shortly after his release he obtained a divorce and began to lead a different life. How well he was weaned from his old ways is eloquently related in the letter of Miss Sara Vestal Barclay, of No. 36 President street, Brooklyn, which was handed to Judge Crain by the young man's counsel, Abraham Levy. The letter reads: "I have known Mr. De Forest during the last ten years, possibly better than any one else. I was only a child when we met. He was a big brother to me then, a lover now. He was betrothed. "For the past two years, true to his promise to me, he has not taken any alcoholic drinks. He is leading a life that has made me proud of him and I am honored to be his betrothed. Only this one shadow overhangs our lives. I have tried to be a help to him and I shall cling to him until this shadow has faded away forever.

"He Is Part of My Life."

"I know of his marriage that occurred at the same time he committed this crime, and of his divorce. I can only plead that you extend clemency to him because I love him, because he is part of my life."

The Rev. Albert J. Lyman, pastor of the South Congregational Church, Brooklyn, also wrote to Judge Crain in the young man's behalf, saying that he looked forward to performing the ceremony that would unite the young man and Miss Barclay in marriage and mean the fulfillment of the happiness that he believed God intended for them. The court had also received a score of other letters from merchants, lawyers and doctors, all testifying to young De Forest's struggle to live down the fatal error he made two years ago.

"I have been fairly deluged with letters in your favor, young man," said Judge Crain, "all in the same strain and testifying to your honest purpose to lead a better life."

Her Appeal Decisive.

"But it is the appeal of this young woman, whose happiness is so closely interwoven with your welfare, that moves me to leniency in your behalf. "I could have sworn, young man, to Sing Sing for five years. However, there are so many persons interested in you, and confident that you will not go astray again, that I will suspend sentence and place your future in your own hands."

At the announcement that meant his freedom the young man was moved to tears. His fiancée, who sat in the rear of the courtroom with his mother and father, had been a sinner, but when she heard that her betrothed had been discharged, she ran eagerly to him and clung to him, turning her smiles upon the court and thanking Judge Crain for what he had done. Technically the young man was paroled in the custody of Mrs. E. S. Walker, the probationary officer of the court.

Five New Turkish Baths now open at the new winter resort. Only first-class downtown establishment. Modern in every detail. Electric and Turkish baths at all hours. Also barber shop, open day and night.

FIRE IN BELLEVUE HOSPITAL QUICKLY FOUGHT BY HEROES

Panic Among Patients Averted by Prompt and Vigorous Work
in Extinguishing Blaze That Starts in the Desk
of Physician.

Quick, skilful fire fighting work in Bellevue Hospital this afternoon averted what might have been a disastrous panic, under other circumstances. A hot blaze, discovered in good time and sensibly handled, caused moments of anxiety to Supt. Rickard and his staff, but the fortunate outcome was that the patients who knew of the blaze kept calm under the pressure of soothing advice from nurses, and the majority of the inmates of the institution were kept in utter ignorance that any danger had happened.

The blaze occurred in the Accident Ward in what is known as the center building of the hospital. The information bureau is on the ground floor of the middle of this building, the superintendent's office on the second floor and doctors' offices on the floor above.

Found Desk Ablaze.

An attendant passing through the corridor outside the office of Dr. Barkhorn, a small fire, opening the door, he looked in and discovered Dr. Barkhorn's desk ablaze, the flames already reaching scorching heat and woodwork and partitions.

It so happened that this particular attendant is gifted with good common sense. In the first place, he closed the door. Then he fell down the stairs to Supt. Rickard's office and reported what he had seen and done.

Supt. Rickard sounded an alarm, calling out the hospital force, and within two minutes the Bellevue Fire Department, under Paul Franzel, was in the corridor on the third floor, outside Dr. Barkhorn's office. Supt. Rickard was in active charge and directed that the

door be kept closed until everything was in readiness for the assault on the fire.

Blaze Fought in Good Order.

The flames could be heard crackling and roaring inside the room and the hall was hazy with smoke. Water was let into four lines of hose and the line men stood directly outside the door. Then, at a word of command, the door was opened and four streams of water were turned on simultaneously and directed into the room.

The fire was literally drowned out, although when the door was first opened the entire office was filled with fire and a blast of heat and smoke shot into the hall. The water trickled through the floor, down into the superintendent's office, and down still further to the office on the ground floor.

Provisionally, the ward adjoining Dr. Barkhorn's office on the south and separated from it by a wooden partition, was untenanted, because of repairs which have been under way for several days. The partition was burned through and the unoccupied ward was filled with choking smoke. It would have been hard to restrain patients therein.

The other wards on the third floor were at some distance from the fire and when the doors were closed little smoke entered them. Nurses and doctors went from cot to cot, telling the patients that there was a little fire in the building, but that there was no danger. The work of extinguishing the blaze was accomplished so expeditiously that there was really no time for anything like a panic.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Dr. Barkhorn says he may have had some matches in his desk.

SLAYER OF ABRAHAM REEDER FOUND IN BAY STATE PRISON

William Mason, Who Committed Murder in the Hope of
Getting \$31, Located After a Hunt Ex-
tending Over Many States.

Late this afternoon Capt. Arthur Carey, of the Central Office Homicide Bureau, received a despatch from Detective Fogarty assuring him of the finding of William Mason, the man who murdered his employer, Abraham Reeder, at No. 77 Second avenue June 3, last. Mason is in the Charleston, Mass., State prison serving a sentence for highway robbery, which he committed in Taunton, Mass., ten days after the murder of Reeder. His discovery is the end of a hunt which has covered every State in the Union and has continued unrelentingly for more than half a year.

Abraham Reeder was the janitor of a flat house at No. 77 Second avenue. Mason was his assistant, and had been with him in that house and at another for several years. On the night of June 3 Mason saw Reeder, sitting at the dinner table, receive the rent money from a tenant and add it to a roll of money taken from his pocket, containing over \$100.

When Mason left the room Mrs. Reeder told her husband that Mason had glared at the money and had shown signs of great excitement while it was exposed. She reproved her husband for submitting him to temptation. A few minutes later Reeder turned over all but \$31 of the money to the landlord. He then went out of the room.

Mrs. Reeder heard cries from the basement and, thinking that Mason was suffering from epileptic fits, to which he was subject, ran to the basement to see what was the matter and to find her husband with his skull crushed in and his pockets turned inside out.

Detectives J. J. Fogarty and C. W. Wood learned that Mason had gone with a circus and had been arrested and locked up somewhere. Correspondence with all the prisons in the country followed, ending with his discovery at Charleston, where he was, under the name of George Lett.

Detective Fogarty took Mrs. Reeder to Charleston yesterday. In the course of their investigations the detectives found that Reeder had been in prison many times and that his picture was in the New York Rogues' Gallery.

CLERGYMEN PALLBEARERS
AT SLAYER'S FUNERAL.

Rev. J. H. Carmichael, Who Mur-
dered His Friend and Then Killed
Himself, Buried from Church.

ROMULUS, Mich., Jan. 15.—Rev. John H. Carmichael, murderer of Gideon Browning in the Methodist Church at Battle Run, was buried here today from the Methodist Church. Rev. C. W. Baldwin, of Detroit, and Presiding Elder Rev. John Sweet, of the Detroit district, both made brief addresses at the funeral. A large floral tribute from the Detroit Methodist Episcopal district, with the words "Our Brother" lay on the coffin. There was no casket crowd at the station when the body arrived. The pallbearers were all clergymen.

FIREBUG AT CUNARD PIER.

Battalion Chief Ross and the smoke-
eaters aboard the fireboat McClellan
conquered early this morning a blaze
which threatened the destruction of
pier 54, at the foot of West Fifteenth
street, the Cunard structure, which
hasn't been completed.

Both firemen and police believe the
blaze incendiary.

The fire was in the crib below the
water line, among the spiles and tim-
bers, and it made a tough job for the
firemen.

KISSING OF WIFE DIDN'T STOP HIS PINOCHLE GAME

Baumgarten Tells Court He
Was So Shocked He Didn't
Know What to Do.

SO PLAY WAS RESUMED.

Brother-in-Law, Who Did the
Kissing, Said It Was All
in Family.

"It is a shame that you two old peo-
ple, after travelling along together side
by side in the matrimonial harness for
thirty years, could not continue on
down the easy road to the setting sun
in peace," said Justice Blanchard, who
had been listening for two hours to the
witnesses called today to sustain
charge, and counter charge between
Fannie and Ignatz Baumgarten, in the
Supreme Court.

Ignatz Baumgarten was a policeman
down to 1893, when he was retired at his
own request on a pension of \$90 a year.
He is seventy-three years old. Fannie,
his wife, is a white-haired, gentle-faced
woman of sixty-eight. Ignatz said that
he had come unexpectedly upon her two
years ago when she was being hugged
and kissed by Charles Popper, sixty-
eight years old, and who is a rich ranch
owner, living in Central Park West.

All in the Family.

Popper is Baumgarten's brother-in-
law, and his explanation of the hugging
is that it was all in the family and that
he meant nothing wrong. But Baum-
garten did not look at it that way. He
is accused striking his old wife and
calling her a hard name. The old man
packed up and left his wife in their
home at No. 112 West One Hundred
and Thirty-ninth street.

Mrs. Baumgarten and Mr. Popper
testified that Baumgarten was crazy
with jealousy. Mrs. Baumgarten said
that Baumgarten asked her to go to
Europe with him. She assented and
drew \$400 from the bank, which he got.
Then he changed his mind and went
alone. He gave her a power of attor-
ney to draw his pension while he
was gone, but she says that when he
went for the pension an Express Com-
pany had drawn it on another power of
attorney and forwarded it to Ignatz.

Baumgarten testified that one day
he was playing pinochle with Popper.
He was called from the game for a
minute, and when he returned Popper
was hugging and kissing his wife.
They jumped apart when interrupted, he
said.

He Resumed the Game.

"Did you resume the game of pin-
ochle?" Justice Blanchard asked.
"Yes, I was so shocked I did not know
what to do," said the old man.

Justice Blanchard granted a decree of
separation to Mrs. Baumgarten, and
took under advisement her lawyer's sug-
gestion that \$5 a week-half Baum-
garten's pension—be awarded as alim-
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DR. BULL HAS A GOOD NIGHT.

At the Hotel Plaza this morning it
was announced that there had been no
perceptible change in the condition of
Dr. William W. Bull, and that he had
passed a comfortable night. The physi-
cians thought that with the coming
of dry weather the eminent surgeon
might improve somewhat.

GERMAN DRAMATIST DEAD.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—The death is an-
nounced of Ernst von Wildenbruch,
the German poet and dramatist. He was
born in 1860.

T. J. HAINS ACQUITTED OF MURDER; HISSES FOR THE JURY'S VERDICT

T. J. Hains, Who Was Acquitted of
Complicity in Killing of Annis



SAVANNAH MEET WON'T BE CUT CITY ON APPEAL WINS A SUIT FOR \$91,000

Vendig's Retirement Will Not
Affect Racing at Thunder-
bolt Track.

Builders of Muscott Dam on
Croton River Lose by Ap-
pellate Court Verdict.

(Special to The Evening World.)
SAVANNAH, Jan. 15.—The weather
was clear and inviting this afternoon,
which brought the crowd out in goodly
numbers. The early, though light as
regards quantity, was withal a nicely
balanced one, and good racing with
entirely speculation was the result. The
first race found Big Hand the favorite,
but Birdseyer, Arakawa and Belle of
the Bay all had their supporters.

Because of the retirement of Joe Ven-
dig from the club, a report was circu-
lated that the meeting would end short-
ly, but those in charge, after being in-
terviewed, denied that it was the in-
tention of curtailing the meet and positively
stating that the meeting will run the
full thirty days as scheduled.

FIRST RACE.—Purse, for three-year-
olds and up, six furlongs—Belle of
the Bay, 10; Birdseyer, 11 to 5; 1 to 5;
1 to 1 and even, second, W. G. Wil-
liams, 15 (Dugan), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and
even, third, Time—1:04.5. Clifton
Forte, Edmondson and Revery also ran.

SECOND RACE.—Purse, for three-year-
olds and up, six furlongs—Enslay, 12
(Johnson), 7 to 5, 2 to 1 and 5 to 1;
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